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# **Who were the men involved in the mob outside the Jailhouse and what was their goal?**

# **Article by: Shannon Hummel**

Mr. Atticus Finch who is defending the Negro, Tom Robinson but won’t answer any questions, but the neighborhood in Maycomb County all have opinions. According to Miss Maudie, Atticus Finch is a wonderful man who can do whatever he wants because he can and has the brains to do it. However, to Mr. Bob Ewell, who’s daughter is the victim claims ‘Negro’s should all be sent to hell for all’s worth.’ Here the exclusive interview with Mr. Ewell.

“Mr. Ewell, I understand your daughter has been ‘raped’ by Mr. Robinson. How do you feel about Atticus Finch defending him?”

“I don’t understand what he’s bloody thinkin!” he yelled. “He raped my daughter and he’s gunna defend that nigg-”

“Sir, please pardon the language.”

“He should rot in hell for even thinking about defending him! There’s no way he can win defending a Negro and everyone knows it.”

That’s all and we can only wait for the future outcomes on the Tom Robinson case.

## **Is Atticus foolish to defend a Negro?**

**Article by: Soojin Yi**

The mob that formed outside the Maycomb County Jailhouse was formed by seven, well-known men that lived in the county. These men were Mr. Cunningham, and six other men. Mr. Cunningham and the other men’s goal were to lynch Tom Robinson because he was accused of raping someone. The men were determined to accomplish their goal but Atticus sat in front of the entrance to the jailhouse and refused to move. Mr. Underwood was the newspaper man who had seen the whole encounter and held a rifle up to the window to keep them under control. Scout, Jem, and Dill ran out to stand by Atticus and Scout noticed Mr. Cunningham out of the whole group of men. She started to talk to him about how Walter Cunningham, his son, was in her class at school. She tells Mr. Cunningham to say “hey” to Walter for her and the men, especially Mr. Cunningham, suddenly feel ashamed. The men depart and Mr. Underwood speaks from the window where he was positioned with a double-barreled shotgun and says, “Had you covered all the time, Atticus.” Atticus and Mr. Underwood talk for awhile then he takes the children home.



## **What would’ve happened outside the jailhouse that night if the children weren’t with Atticus?**

Article by: Terra Skirtich

There are many ways the story could go if Scout and Jem hadn’t been with Atticus, but we have two theories. We believe that if the children were not present at the time something horrible could have happened to Atticus Finch. He could’ve been killed or badly hurt trying to protect Tom. The number one issue is the discrimination against Tom Robinson. Atticus was given a lot of grief for defending a black man, and this is what led to the mob coming to the jailhouse that night. We also believe that if the children hadn't been there the men would have tried to get in the jail and hurt Tom Robinson. This would’ve led to Atticus getting hurt trying to protect him. That is why if the children hadn’t been there that night, several people would’ve gotten hurt. In all reality, Jem and Scout saved Tom and Atticus that night.

## **How did Atticus know the mob would come that night?**

Article by: Lindsay DiDonato

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Many people have been wondering how Atticus knew to stay outside the jailhouse that night. We sat down with Atticus Finch and asked him some questions about the night the mob came to the jailhouse. “Mr. Finch, were you given a warning that there might be some trouble at the jailhouse on that particular night?” “Well, earlier that day, I was visited by Heck Tate who told me that Tom was going to be moved to the county jail the next day and that he thought there was a possibility that there would be trouble that night. I told him that we live in Maycomb and nothing like that would ever happen here. Link Deas who was with Heck told me that the only thing I should be worried of was the Old Sarum Bunch. He also told me I shouldn’t have been on this case to begin with, but I knew I was doing the right thing. So, I was warned by Mr. Tate that there might be some trouble at the jailhouse that night, but he wasn’t certain.” “Well thank you for clearing that up for us Mr. Finch. It’s been a pleasure talking to you.”

## Is the Tom Robinson case able to be solved without violence and racial discrimination?

## Article by: Nathalie Burns



I personally don’t think the case will be able to be solved without violence. All of the people in Maycomb County are racist towards African Americans. They still aren’t used to thinking that blacks have their own thoughts. From that I conclude that racial discrimination will definitely have a big part in this trial. Along with the racial discrimination against African Americans, comes a great amount of violence because there is no respect for them. I don’t think this could be solved without violence because of the way people are brainwashed into thinking that blacks aren’t people. Atticus even thinks that it can’t be solved without violence because of the incident outside the jailhouse. Another reason is that Tom is accused of rape which is a very serious crime but this case is more serious because the man accused is a Negro. Even though there is no proof that Tom actually did rape the girl, because he is black, he is still getting all the blame. The trial will only be able to be solved fairly and without violence and discrimination if everyone in Maycomb can start to be more open minded about people of different races.

